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FROM AMCONGEN ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ASUP EWWT EG
SUBJECT: SURFACE SHIPMENT PROBLEM

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT APPROACH PRUDENTIAL GRACE LINE REGARDING THREE PROBLEMS CONGEN HAVING WITH CARGO (MAINLY HHE) CARRIED ON PRUDENTIAL SHIPS. FIRST, CG UNABLE TO OBTAIN PRIORITY FOR USG SHIPMENTS, I.E. "SS LASH ATLANTICO" ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TAKE SEVEN BARGES OF COTTON WASTE FROM ALEXANDRIA AUGUST 20, AND EVENTUALLY REFUSED USG CARGO. COTTON DID NOT FILL AVAILABLE BARGES, SO AT LAST MINUTE USG CARGO WAS LOADED. RECOGNIZED COTTON EXPORTER PROBABLY COULD USE VARIOUS FOREIGN FLAG CARRIERS, WHILE CONGEN OBLIGED SHIP IN US BOTTOM. DESPITE NON-COMPETITIVE NATURE OF USG SHIPMENTS, WOULD HOPE PRUDENTIAL WOULD CONSIDER GIVING USG SHIPMENTS REASONABLE PRIORITY. (BESIDES MORALE FACTOR RELATING TO SHIPMENT OF HHE, IF USG CARGO NOT MOVED PROMPTLY, WE MUST PAY EXORBITANT ALEXANDRIA PORT STORAGE CHARGES.)

2. SECOND, PLEASE REQUEST PRUDENTIAL TO INSTRUCT THEIR ALEXANDRIA AGENTS, AMON SHIPPING AGENCY, TO RELEASE ORIGINAL BILLS OF LADING ON USG SHIPMENTS PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF PAYMENT OF SHIPPING CHARGE. AMON HAS REQUESTED 3,933 EL FOR AUGUST 20 SHIPMENT ON "LASH PACIFICO." CHECK FOR THIS AMOUNT WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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DRAWN BY REGIONAL DISBURSING OFFICER IN PARIS. THIS

WILL TAKE TWO TO THREE WEEKS. IN MEANTIME SHIPS COULD
HAVE REACHED U.S. WITHOUT BILL OF LADING, USG WILL
FACE ADDITIONAL DELAYS AND EXPENSE IN PROCESSING
SHIPMENTS. (BILL OF LADING IN QUESTION ARE SIX VANS
HHE B/L ONE ALEXANDRIA/NEW YORK; 8 VANS HHE B/L TWO,
THREE AND FOUR AND VEHICLES B/L ONE ALEXANDRIA/BALTIMORE.)

3. THIRD, REQUEST PRUDENTIAL TAKE GREATER CARE IN
HANDLING KEYS TO VEHICLES CARRIED ON THEIR SHIPS. KEYS
FOR TWO PERSONAL AND ONE OFFICIAL VEHICLE WHICH ARRIVED
ALEXANDRIA JULY 6 ON "LASH PACIFICO" STILL UNTRACED,
DESPITE SEVERAL EARLIER QUIRIES BY CONGEN. PLEASE ASK
PRUDENTIAL AGAIN ATTEMPT DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF KEYS
AND SEND THEM TO ALEXANDRIA SOONEST. ALSO, PLEASE
DTERMINE WHAT STEPS ARE TAKEN TO INSURE VEHICLE
KEYS ARE DELIVERED ALONG WITH VEHICLE SO THERE NO
REPETITION OF THIS PROBLEM. CHASE.
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